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USA JET DELIVERS FIRST MD80 FOR CONVERSION

MIAMI, FL., --March 5, 2013-- Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI), is pleased to announce that it has been selected by USA Jet of Belleville Michigan to provide one MD83SF 12 Pallet Passenger to Freighter Conversion. The aircraft, an MD83, MSN 49791 was built in 1989 and is currently undergoing freighter modification at AEI's Authorized Conversion Center, Commercial Jet, Inc. which is located in Miami, Florida. This is the first production MD80SF to be inducted for conversion, currently AEI has orders for 20 units.

Mr. Mike Garvin, Chief Operating Officer for USA Jet Airlines stated that "All of us at USA Jet Airlines are excited to add the first converted MD83SF to our expanding fleet of freighter aircraft."

Mr. Robert T. Convey, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for AEI stated that "USA Jet was one of the first operators to see the commercial advantages of the MD80SF and one of the first to secure a conversion slot." He goes on to say that, "AEI's MD80SF 12 Pallet Configuration backlog continues to grow as lessors and operators alike discover the advantages of this great freighter. The MD80SF is capable of hauling 4,400 cubic feet and 46,000 lbs of payload which is identical to the capacity of the 737-400SF. The difference is that the AEI MD80SF on ramp price is half that of the 737-400SF. That equates to a \$4,000,000 savings per freighter!"

AEI's MD80SF shall provide USA Jet with an Ancra Main Deck Cargo Loading System capable of carrying multiple ULD's including:

- (12) 88"x108" containers/pallets, P1 to P12 or
- (8) 125"x88" ULD's, P1 to P8

This unique flexibility has been designed by AEI to allow the operator to immediately adapt to multiple ULD configurations at a moment's notice. When combined with proven reliability, the AEI Converted MD80SF will allow USA Jet to keep their aircraft where they belong "In the air, generating revenue".

About USA Jet

USA Jet Airlines is a division of the Active Aero Group and operates a fleet of cargo aircraft reserved exclusively for Active On-Demand.

About AEI

Formed in 1958, Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI) is the oldest conversion company in existence today. For more than 55 years AEI has provided advanced engineering solutions to aircraft owners and operators. Today the company is a global leader in passenger to freighter conversions for a wide array of aircraft, helping customers extend the life of the aircraft and increase the value of their asset. AEI has developed over 120 Supplemental Type Certificates (STCs) and 375 aircraft have been modified with AEI STCs – more than any other conversion provider.

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